



**Fig. 2-64. Naudain-Senn House (K-955), Main (west) elevation, looking northeast.**



Fig. 2-65. Naudain-Senn House (K-955), Detail of main facade.



**Fig. 2-66. Naudain-Senn House (K-955), Rear (east) elevation.**



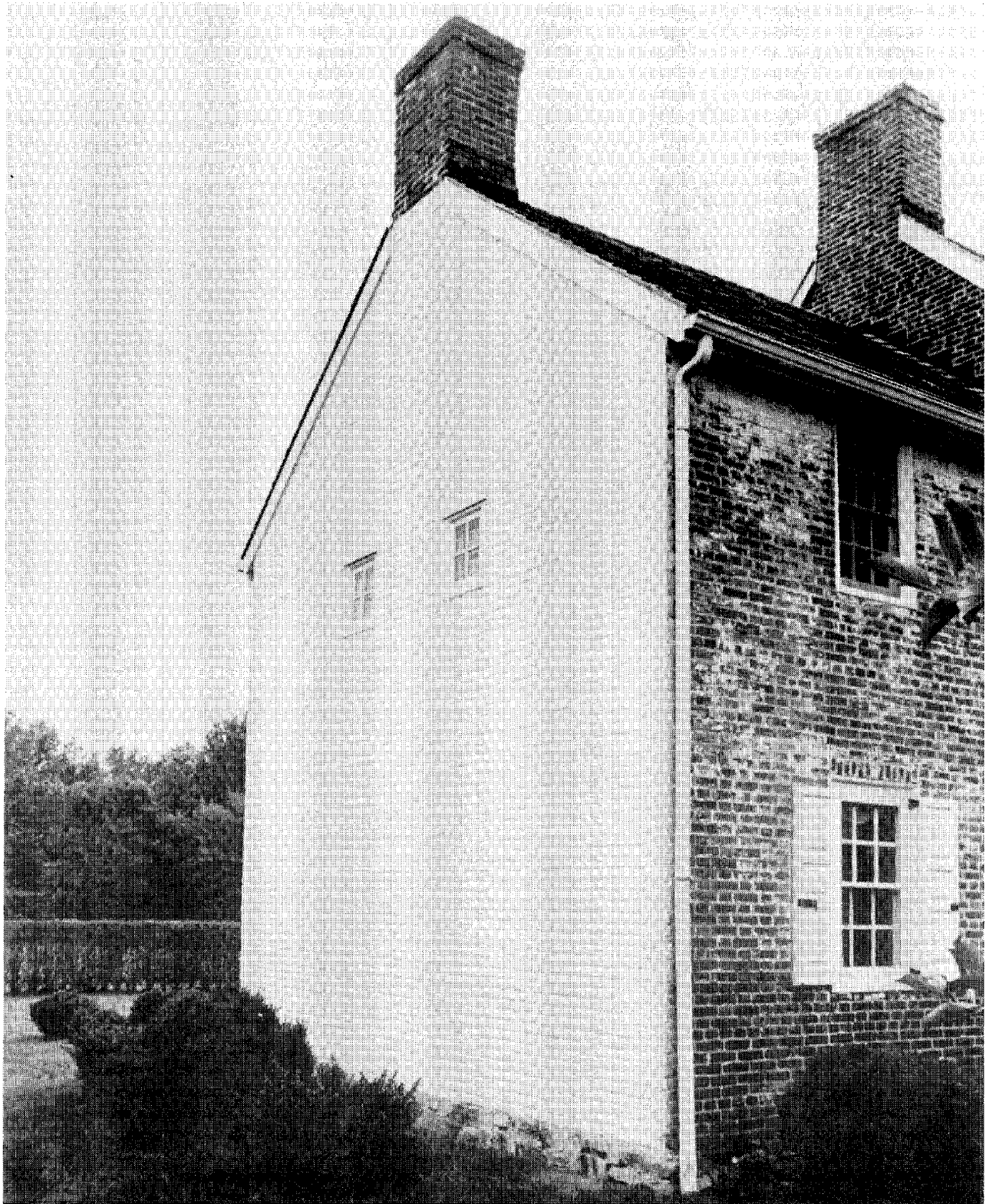
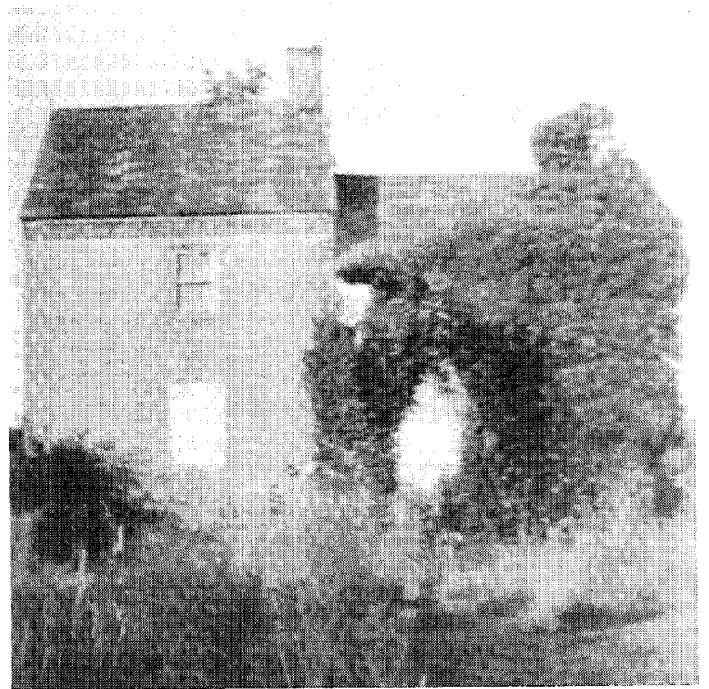


Fig. 2-67. Naudain-Senn House (K-955), North side elevation.



**Fig. 2-68. Naudain-Senn House (K-955), 1971 view, taken prior to restoration and addition.**

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Locust Grove

and or common Holly Hall

**2. Location**

street &amp; number 1600 North Little Creek Road not for publication

city, town East Dover Hundred -X- vicinity of Dover

state Delaware code county Kent code

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
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			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name John W. and Sandra H. Dobbins

street &amp; number 1600 North Little Creek Road

city, town Dover vicinity of state Delaware

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Recorder of Deeds

street &amp; number Kent County Courthouse, The Green

city, town Dover state Delaware

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**title Delaware Cultural Resource Survey  
K-1086has this property been determined eligible? yes ☒ nodate federal ☒ state county local

depository for survey records Delaware Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

city, town Dover state Delaware

## 7. Description

### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date \_\_\_\_\_

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Holly Hall is a late-Greek Revival brick house located on North Little Creek Road (Rt.8), east of downtown Dover. Originally part of a 150-acre farm tract called "Locust Grove", the property is now 2 1/3 acres with modern development to the east and west, an open field to the south, and farm land across Rt. 8 to the north.

The house dates from the mid-19th century although it has been altered on the exterior and renovated significantly on the interior in the 1890s. Continuing the Georgian tradition, Holly Hall is a 2-story, 5-register house symmetrically composed around a central hall double-pile I-house plan. Beyond the storm doors, the house is entered through double paneled and round-arched glazed doors topped by a 3-light transom. A portico supported by paired Doric columns with attenuated capitals fronts the entrance; at the second floor, a glazed and paneled door opens onto the balcony above the portico. That balcony, as well as the terrace, is fronted by a replacement turned balustrade, salvaged from another house. Windows are 2/2 double hung with plain wood lintels, lug sills, and replacement shutters. The side elevations continue the same type of fenestration as the main facade. A one-story frame shed addition spans the rear. A Duro-slatted hipped roof pierced by double interior end chimneys and set off by a wooden box cornice crowns the building.

In plan, a central hall with an 1890s stair is flanked by a double parlor to the east and a dining room/kitchen to the west. That stair is a good example of Queen Anne-style woodwork; it features a turned balustrade and a newel post embellished by beaded and reeded carvings and applied circular ornaments. The stairhall and first floor rooms are wainscotted with beaded matchboard. Grooved surrounds with bosses, also typical of the 1890s, frame windows, doors, and openings between rooms. Of note in the dining room is a Queen Anne mantel with slender fluted Ionic columns, bracketed shelves, and laurel wreath and ribbon motifs. In the rear east parlor, a wainscotted built-in closet abuts a simpler entablature mantel.

At the second floor, four bedrooms are accessed from the main hall. These rooms display the same milled surrounds as the first floor, but have floor to ceiling plaster walls, interrupted only by thin moldings at the window height.

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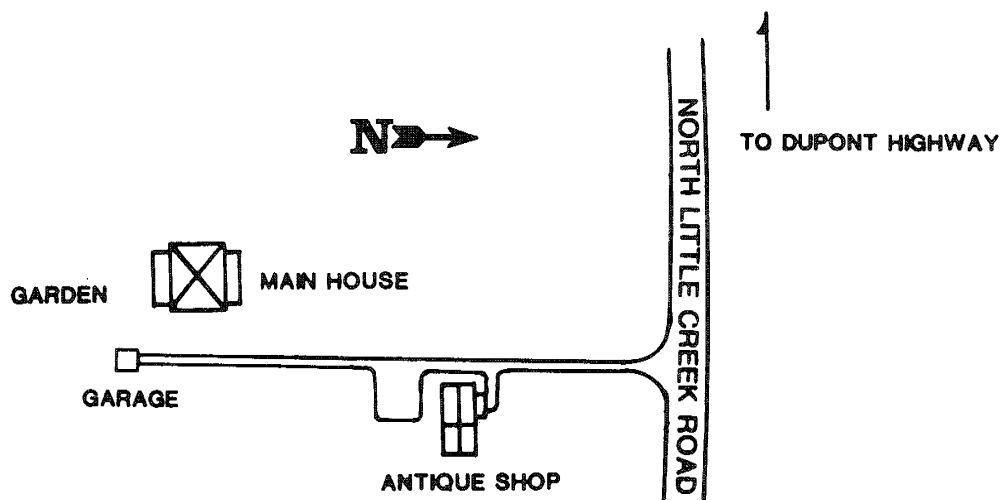
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NOT TO SCALE



## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates c. 1859 Builder/Architect unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Dating from the mid-19th century era of agricultural prosperity in central Delaware is Holly Hall, a late-Greek Revival brick residence, updated with handsome Queen Anne interiors in the 1890s. Because of the well-preserved survival of a building that is a good and rare example of its type in Kent County, Holly Hall appears to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

Holly Hall conveys a stately presence amidst the farm land and modern development along North Little Creek Road. In part, this presence is achieved by the mature specimen trees that form a vista to the house. Atypical of this period in Kent County, during which frame construction was the norm, Holly Hall was built of brick. Its classical portico and hipped roof, remnants of the late-Greek Revival, enhance the building's stateliness. Equally if not more significant is the building's interior, renovated with the rich woodwork and detail typical of the vernacular interpretation of the Queen Anne style. Remarkably well-preserved, these interiors suggest the ongoing prosperity of what was a 150-acre farm.

In 1846, the property was purchased by Jacob M. Hill, who erected Holly Hall. Hill was among the most prominent agriculturists in the state; he was appointed a vice-president of the State Agricultural Society, organized by farmers in 1849. This organization, which promoted discussion on agricultural subjects, evolved into the Kent County Agricultural Society in 1854. Hill was listed in the 1860 census as a farmer, holding real estate valued at \$3,000 and personal estate valued at \$2,000. He resided at Holly Hall with his wife, Amelia, five children, two servants, and three farmhands until 1866 when he sold the property to Hiram F. Olmstead of Genesee, New York.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Byles, A.D. Map of Kent County, Delaware. Philadelphia: 1859.  
Pomeroy & Beers. Atlas of the State of Delaware. Philadelphia: 1868.  
Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Delaware 1609-1888. Vol. I. Port Washington, NY:  
Kennikat Press, 1888. p. 437. (See continuation sheet)

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approx. 2.0

Quadrangle name Little Creek

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

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### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state PA

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date \_\_\_\_\_

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

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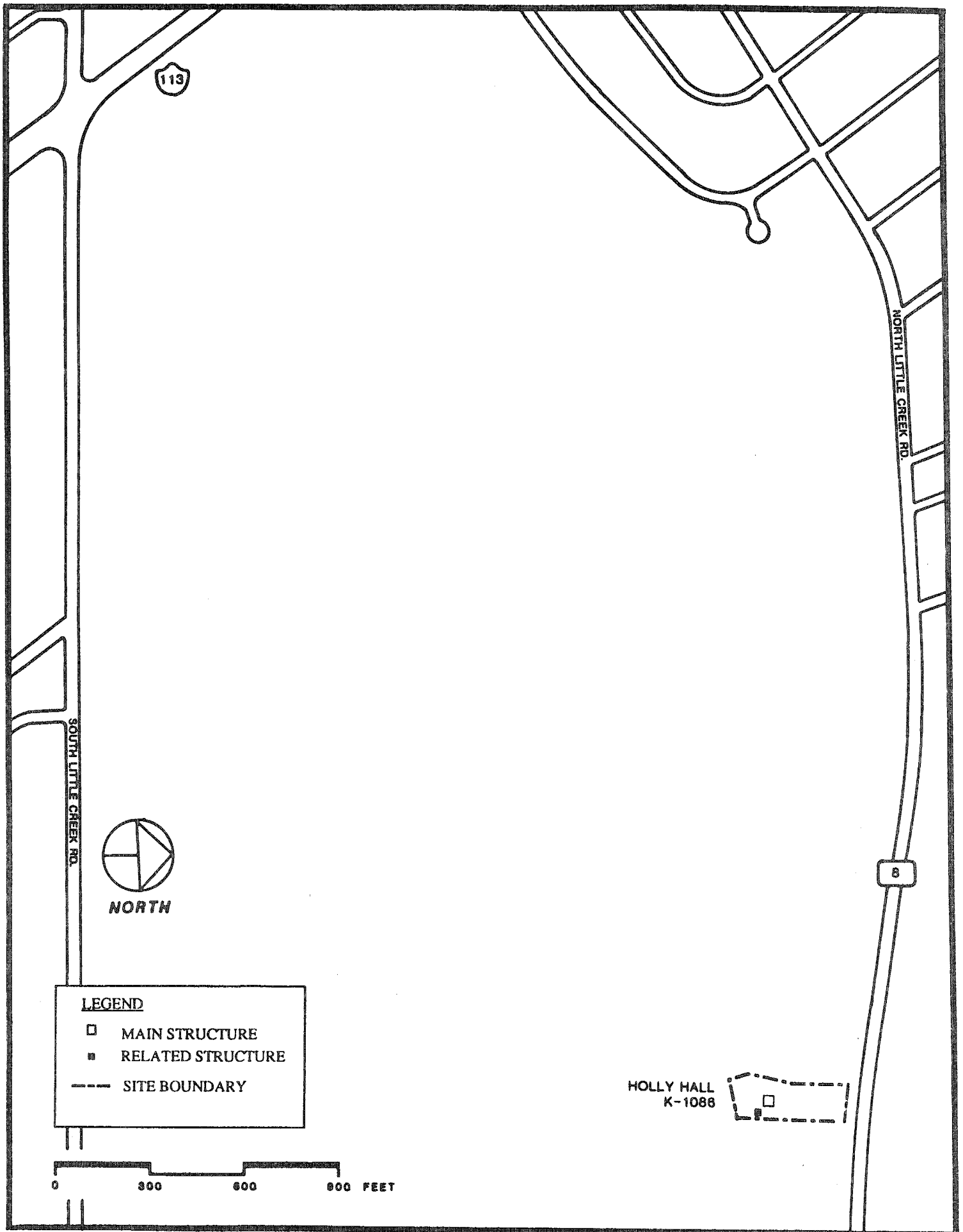
9. Major bibliographical references, continued.

U.S. Census Records, 1860. State Archives, Dover, Delaware.

10. Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at a point located 1,325 feet due west of the intersection of North Little Creek Road and Fox Road and 25 feet south of the southerly right of way of North Little Creek Road, being the northeast corner of the proposed historic boundary; thence, at 95° south a distance of 475 feet; thence, at 103° southwest 175 feet; thence, at 100° northwest 75 feet; thence, at 148° northwest 200 feet; thence, at 31° north 275 feet to a point being 25 feet from the south side of the right of way of North Little Creek Road; and thence, east 160 feet to the point of beginning of the proposed boundary.

The proposed historic boundary encompasses the house, a non-contributing modern garage, and the driveway with plantings; a 19th-century building moved to this site is excluded from the described parcel. The boundary preserves what is left of the historic setting of the immediate surrounds of the house.









**Fig. 2-69. Holly Hall (K-1086), View from South Little Creek Road.**



**Fig. 2-70. Holly Hall (K-1086), Main (north) elevation.**



**Fig. 2-71. Holly Hall (K-1086), Rear (south) elevation**



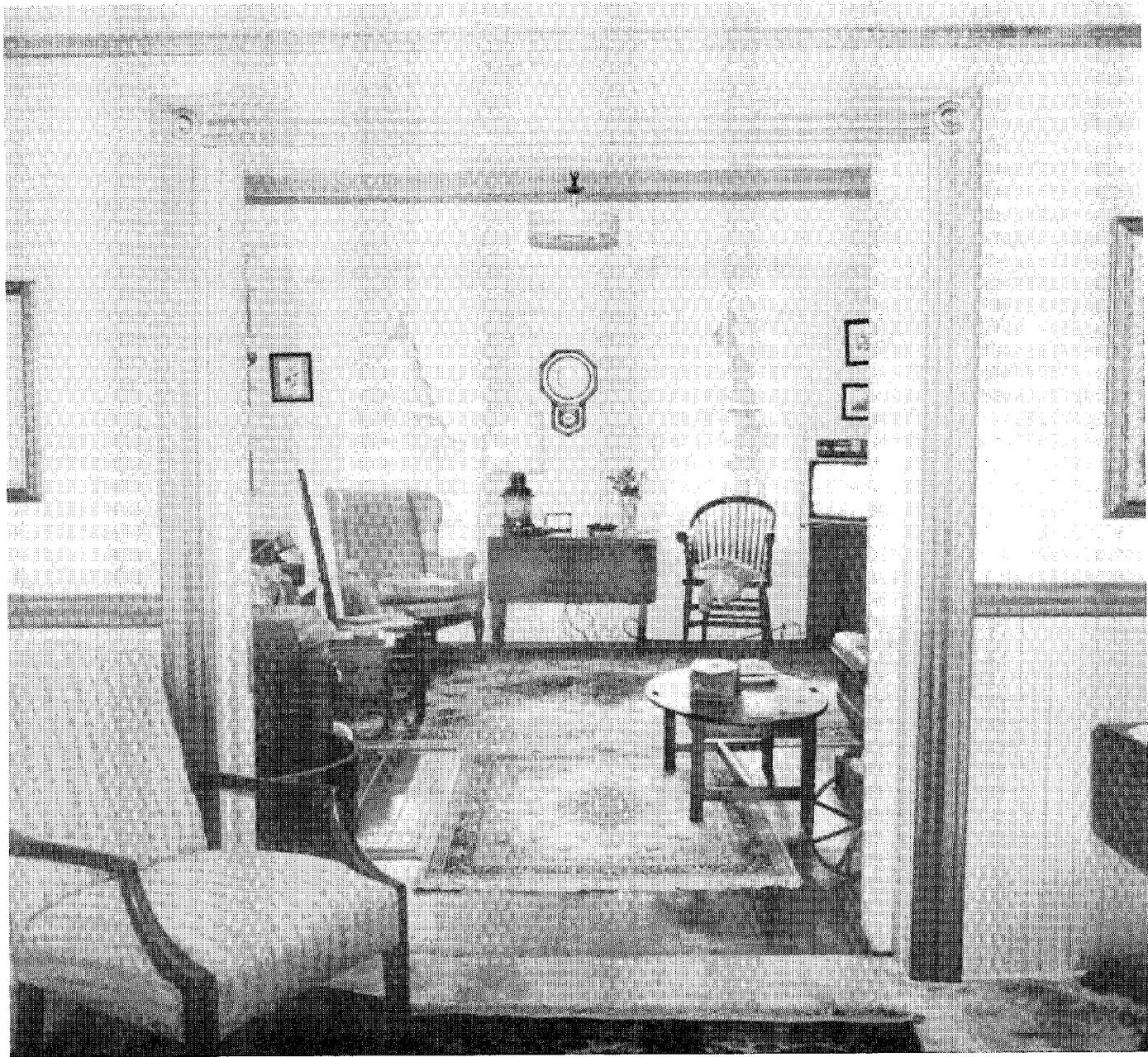


Fig. 2-72. Holly Hall (K-1086), Center hall, looking north.



Fig. 2-73. Holly Hall (K-1086), Dining room, looking southwest.





**Fig. 2-74. Holly Hall (K-1086), Double parlors, looking south.**